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This is the only thing I'll need to add to the meeting.

If you invalidate data as outlined in that memo, you will be committing fraud.

Whoever fed that quote to the IG cherry-picked it and grossly took it out of context, to the point they could be accused of lying in an investigation.

The long-standing insistence that you can't invalidate data simply for being at the extremes of your distribution is taught in every basic science course to prevent exactly what this memo proposes, and is repeated as a nauseum in the CFR and guidance.

The only message that needs to go to OAQPS is that the CFR and guidance say clearly not to do this, and that the states invalidate data on a case-by-case basis, which is consistent with the guidance.

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Please provide me with agenda items for the next call.

One big item that will be discussed is the issue brought up on the last Regional Office Call about the OIG alert and what to do about monitoring organizations not meeting the 1-point QC checks. After the Regional call, OAQPS and Region 4 met to discuss the South Carolina data and our suggestion was that R4 request SC invalidation of any data not meeting the 1-point QC acceptance criteria (7% precision and \pm 7% bias) as described in the SC QAPP.

In order for some level of consistency across the nation we drafted the attached memo. At present this is a draft but it reflects OAQPS position on the acceptance criteria. Ben Wells has done some evaluations and is also attached.

Also I'd like to discuss the June Meeting. Response n the dates are as follows. Based on this my suggestion in week of June 26th. I realize that with uncertainty in budgets and travel this may not come to fruition.

Regions	Date
1	either
2	June 26
3	either
4	June 26
5	either
6	either
7	either
8	
9	either
10	June 19;

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